

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Bamboo Cultivation

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the various steps taken by the Government to promote bamboo cultivation, particularly in non-forest areas of the country;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and sanctioned by the Government to various States of the country under the National Agroforestry and Bamboo Mission as a sub-scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there are any States which have not been allocated the funds by the Government under the said Mission and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to allocate funds under the said Mission to these States, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the funds are likely to be allocated to these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): Various steps have been taken to further promote the cultivation of bamboo in the country like:
- (i) Establishment of High-Tech nurseries and rehabilitation of Tissue Culture units for making available good quality planting material
- (ii) stress on training to farmers
- (iii) dissemination of information of best practices for cultivation and harvesting techniques through seminars and printing material etc.
- (iv) under R&D work, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and its research institutes, identified and collected various superior genotypes of bamboo species from different eco-zones of country including NE states. Now ICFRE is intended to multiply genotypes for various bamboo breeding / improvement programme and also for production & quality planting material.
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- (b): State-wise and year-wise funds allocated and released / sanctioned during last three years and current year is given in Annexure.
- (c): There are some states for which funds could not be allocated / released during the said period are also given in the Annexure. Funds could not be allocated / released to Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Punjab and West Bengal during 2013-14 to 2016-17 due to non submission of corrected and completed Audited Utilization Certificates and physical & financial progress reports in time. Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala and Meghalaya States also not submitted required documents in time during 2015-16 & 2016-17. As reported by Uttarakhand, State could not submit the utilization certificate and progress report due to non receipt of funds from State Government treasury.
- (d): During 2016-17, fund is being allocated / released only for maintenance of plantation done during previous two years i.e. 2014-15 & 2015-16. Details are available in the Annexure.